



December 14, 2006

TO: Transportation Authority of Marin Commissioners

FROM: Dianne Steinhauser, Executive Director

RE: Proposed Legislative Program for the 2007 State and Federal Legislative Session,
Agenda Item 8

Dear Commissioners:

Executive Summary

TAM staff, in concert with the TAM state legislative support firm of Shaw/Yoder, Inc., is developing a legislative program to guide staff in the review and comment on legislation that is being considered by our federal and state government bodies. Staff is considering specific legislative support for proposals in a number of categories, such as:

- Development of Infrastructure Bond clean-up legislation
- Development of project delivery options
- Options for increased revenues
- Support for specific projects
- Support for programs that complement local programs that are a priority for TAM, such as Safe Routes to Schools

Staff along with representatives from the firm of Shaw-Yoder will present a draft legislative program for discussion at the TAM Board meeting. A final TAM legislative program will be presented for adoption at the January 2007 TAM Board meeting.

Recommendation: None. Discussion item. Staff seek comments from TAM board members.

BACKGROUND

The Federal and State Legislative Programs, adopted annually by the TAM Board, establish a general framework to guide our legislative efforts at the federal, state, and regional levels. The intent of the legislative program is to develop general policy guidance and principles on legislative advocacy for transportation issues affecting Marin County and TAM. Staff and our legislative consultants will use the legislative program to strategize and communicate with TAM's elect legislative representatives in Sacramento and Washington, D.C., the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), and other relevant local, state, and federal agencies for the 2007 legislative sessions.

Staff along with members of the Shaw/Yoder, Inc. team will be presenting a draft legislative program for consideration at the December 14th TAM Board meeting.